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THIN FILM

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**RESPONSE
TO ELECTION OF
SPECIES
REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Election of Species Requirement mailed on August 28, 2006, Applicants elect the invention of the Species 1, as shown in Figures 1-12, for further examination. Claims 2-6, 9-10, 16-18 and 20 read on the elected embodiment. The election is made with traverse.

Applicants believe that Species 1 and Species 2 are the same species, and they therefore should be examined as one species for the following reasons.

Species 2 includes Claim 19, which depends from independent Claim 5. Claim 19 includes only an extremely simple limitation, i.e., the limitation that "said at least one semiconductor device is a single semiconductor device". In other words, the difference between species 1 (first embodiment) and Species 2 (second embodiment) is that in species 1, a semiconductor thin film includes at least one semiconductor device and, in species 2, a semiconductor thin film includes a single semiconductor device.

Although species 1 (first embodiment) and species 2 (second embodiment) are separately described in the specification and drawings and it may seem that species 1 and species 2 are different as shown in FIG. 1 and FIG. 13, the only difference between species 1 and species 2 is the number of the semiconductor device(s) disposed in the semiconductor thin film. For the reason described above, the applicant believes that species 1 should be examined together with species 2, including Claim 19.

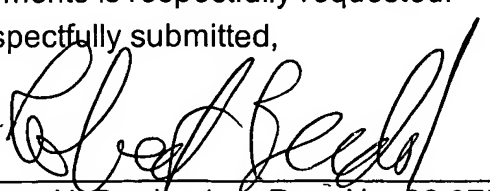
Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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